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COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Koethen Airfield		25X1
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT			
DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	9 November 1953
REFERENCES			
PAGES	2	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)	
REMARKS			
This is UNEVALUATED Information			
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1. On 30 September 1953, [redacted] at Koethen airfield that two walls of earth were observed near the dispersal area of the alert flight on the taxiway, between the east end of the runway and the hangars and during air activity, tank trucks were parked between these walls of earth. Additional shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments were constructed in the southern section of the field. Two small wooden sheds were observed near the fence at the western end of the runway in the extension of the runway and a third shed was located in the corner formed by the fence at the northwestern edge of the field. In these sheds, jeeps were repeatedly parked. The jeeps were used for towing the swept-back jet fighters to their dispersal areas by means of an iron towbar. 25X1
2. The tents near the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field were replaced by three wooden sheds. On 30 September, several trucks, [redacted] loaded with sand, moved to the radio installation with one mast, in the area of the eastern flying lane. 25X1
3. Between noon and 6 p.m. on 6 October, no air activity was observed at the field. A local resident stated that air activity had been conducted during the morning. [redacted] the population living in a settlement near the airfield were continually molested by Soviet Air Force soldiers. Trucks [redacted] entered and left the field. 25X1
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4. At 9:30 a.m. on 8 October, air activity was conducted by Yak-11s which made individual flights of 80 to 90 minutes duration. Sixteen MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were parked in front of the hangars. In the early afternoon of 13 October, eight swept-back jet fighters were parked in a line in front of the revetments in the southeastern corner of the field and additional aircraft of the same type were parked in the revetments near the hangars. [redacted] the shrapnel-proof revetments were covered with colored camouflage nets. Between 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., swept-back jet fighters practiced flying in formations of four. 25X1

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5. During the noon hours on 14 October, eight MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s, [REDACTED] made local flights at the field. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Comment. Koethen airfield is occupied by a fighter regiment with 30 to 35 MiG-15s. The shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments were probably covered with camouflage nettings in connection with the exercises by the Third Shock Army which involved the fighter regiments of the division in Mersburg.

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